

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 (Currently amended) A flossing device, comprising:
 - an internal supply of floss;
 - a pair of lines between which a length of the floss is strung;
 - movable floss holding elements disposed at distal tips of the lines to securely hold the floss;
 - a vibration source that causes the floss to vibrate at a frequency of at least 10 Hz,
 - and
 - a user-operable actuator coupled to the lines that changes a tension of the length of the floss without unwinding or winding the floss.
- 2 (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the frequency is least 100 Hz.
- 3 (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the frequency is at least 1,000 Hz.
- 4 (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the frequency is at least 20,000 Hz.
- 5 (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the vibration source comprises an eccentric weight
- 6 (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the vibration source comprises an electromagnetic buzzer.
- 7 (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a cutting blade positioned on one of the lines.
- 8 (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a spindle upon which the supply of floss is mounted.
- 9 (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the supply of floss is housed in a head.
- 10 (Original) The flossing device of claim 1, wherein the vibration source is housed in a head.

11 (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 further comprising an actuating member disposed within a neck region of the device, wherein the actuating member moves toward a handle of the device to cause the floss holding elements to release the hold on the floss, thereby change-decreasing the tension.

12. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, further comprising a movable floss advancing mechanism that holds the floss and feeds the tip through an aperture in a direction from inside the device to outside the device.

13. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the user-operable actuator is coupled to the tines and instantly decreases the tension.

14-20. (Canceled)

21 (Currently amended) A flossing device, comprising:
a pair of tines between which a length of a floss is strung;
a quick-release mechanism having an actuating arm disposed within a neck of the flossing device;
a floss advancing mechanism disposed on the actuating arm;
an aperture disposed on the device;
wherein the floss advancing mechanism directs and feeds the floss through the aperture in a direction from inside the device to outside the device; and
wherein movement of the actuating arm releases a tension of the length of the floss.

22 (Original) The device of claim 21 further comprising a vibration source coupled to the tines

23. (Canceled)